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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--8 JUNE 1963

1. YEMEN:

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A. THE EGYPTIANS HAVE MOUNTED A NEW SERIES OF AIR ATTACKS AGAINST SAUDI BORDER TOWNS THIS WEEK.

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2. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. THE GOVERNMENT'S QUARREL WITH THE BUDDHISTS APPEARS TO BE CALMING DOWN.

B. PRESIDENT DIEM MADE A CONCILIATORY BROADCAST ON FRIDAY IN PARTIAL CONCESSION TO BUDDHIST DEMANDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPT SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EVENTS IN HUE LAST WEEK.

C. FURTHER AGREEMENTS ARE BEING NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION AND THE BUDDHIST LEADERS.

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D. THE GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATING COMMISSION BELIEVES THE "BLISTER GAS" CASUALTIES IN HUE WERE CAUSED BY A TYPE OF FRENCH TEAR GAS WHICH BURNS THE SKIN IF IT SPLATTERS IN LIQUID FORM.

3. CZECHOSLOVAKIA:

A. THERE ARE SIGNS THAT STALINIST PREMIER VILIAM SIROKY IS ABOUT TO BE PURGED BY PARTY LEADER NOVOTNY--ALSO A STALINIST.

B. NOVOTNY SEEMS TO BE TRYING TO RIDE A WHIRLWIND HERE. HE PURGED A FEW STALINISTS IN APRIL IN LIMITED AND LONG OVERDUE CONCESSIONS TO POPULAR PRESSURES, BUT HE HOPED TO HOLD DE-STALINIZATION TO THIS LEST HE TOO SHOULD FALL.

C. NOW, HOWEVER, THE REMOVAL OF SIROKY MAY BE INTERPRETED AS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS AND CREATE GREATER PRESSURES FOR LIBERALIZATION BOTH IN THE PARTY AND IN THE GENERAL POPULACE.

D. THE COURSE OF EVENTS IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS IS REMINISCENT IN SOME WAYS OF THE BREAK-DOWN OF THE HUNGARIAN PARTY BEFORE OCTOBER 1956. WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO PUSH THE ANALOGY VERY FAR YET, HOWEVER, REMEMBERING THE CZECH TENDENCY TOWARD POLITICAL PASSIVITY.

4. IRAN:

A. TEHRAN, QUM AND SHIRAZ HAVE QUIETED DOWN UNDER MARTIAL LAW AND CURFEW.

B. FIFTEEN MULLAHS, INCLUDING THEIR LEADER AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI, AND 50 KEY AGITATORS, HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND FACE

SEVERE PUNISHMENT. KHOMEINI WILL PROBABLY NOT BE EXECUTED IN ORDER TO PREVENT MARTYRDOM.

C. THE SHAH HAS NOT BEEN SHAKEN FROM HIS DETERMINATION TO CARRY OUT HIS REFORM PROGRAM. THERE IS INCREASED DANGER, HOWEVER, OF HIS ASSASSINATION BY A RELIGIOUS FANATIC.

5. COMMON MARKET - AUSTRIA:

A. THE EEC EXECUTIVE COMMISSION IS CURRENTLY PLANNING FOR A "TIGHT ECONOMIC UNION" WITH AUSTRIA.

B. ONLY A MINIMUM OF EXCEPTIONS WOULD BE GRANTED TO ENABLE AUSTRIA TO MEET ITS NEUTRALITY OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY.

C. THE SOVIETS HAVE CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED A CLOSE AUSTRIAN ASSOCIATION WITH THE EEC AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REACT STRONGLY.

D. SOME OF THE SIX ALSO HAVE MISGIVINGS AND MAY NOT BUY THE COMMISSION'S APPROACH.

6. COMMUNIST CHINA - PAKISTAN:

A. AN AGREEMENT FOR AIR SERVICE BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND COMMUNIST CHINA HAS BEEN REACHED BY AIRLINE AUTHORITIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. PAKISTAN IS TO HAVE LANDING RIGHTS AT CANTON AND SHANGHAI, CHINA AT KARACHI AND DACCA.

B. INDIAN REACTION IS NOT IN YET BUT IS PREDICTABLE; PEIPING IS UNDOUBTEDLY GLOATING.

C. NO NON-COMMUNIST AIRLINE HAS EVER FLOWN INTO CHINA, ALTHOUGH SIMILAR AGREEMENTS EXIST WITH BURMA AND CEYLON, AND WE WONDER IF THE PAKISTANIS WILL GET IN EITHER.

7. CYPRUS:

A. PRESIDENT MAKARIOS HAS MADE UP HIS MIND THAT THE CYPRUS CONSTITUTION MUST BE REVISED, ESPECIALLY TO ELIMINATE THE RIGHT OF BRITIAN, GREECE, AND TURKEY TO INTERVENE MILITARILY.

B. THIS WILL BE OPPOSED BOTH BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS, WHO VIEW THE CONSTITUTION AS THEIR PROTECTION AGAINST THE GREEK MAJORITIES, AND BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

C. TALKS BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS ON TOWN ADMINISTRATION--ANOTHER CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM--HAVE GOTTEN NOWHERE.

8. NOTES:

A. PORTUGUESE GUINEA:

GUERRILLAS HAVE MADE IT HOT FOR THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY.

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B. CUBA: PRESIDENT DORTICOS HAS ORDERED THREE DAYS OF OFFICIAL MOURNING, 4-6 JUNE, FOR POPE JOHN, DESCRIBED AS "CHIEF OF THE VATICAN STATE."

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D. SOVIET BLOC FORCES: THE WARSAW PACT MANEUVERS IN BULGARIA NOW APPEAR TO BE THE LARGEST PACT FIELD TRAINING EXERCISES YET HELD.

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THE PROBLEM IS A COUNTEROFFENSIVE INTO GREECE AND TURKEY FOLLOWING A NATO ATTACK ON THE BALKANS.

E. US - NORTH KOREA: WE ARE REQUESTING BOTH THE SOVIETS AND THE BRITISH TO USE THEIR GOOD OFFICES, THE LATTER THROUGH THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS, TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THE TWO US ARMY OFFICERS WHOSE HELICOPTER MADE A FORCED LANDING IN NORTH KOREA ON 17 MAY. THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS HAS ALSO BEEN ASKED TO HELP OUT.

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G. ECUADOR: THE SAN DIEGO TUNA BOAT "WHITE STAR" WAS RELEASED TODAY AFTER ITS OWNERS PAID A \$14,000 FINE. THE "RANGER" IS BEING HELD PENDING PAYMENT OF A SIMILAR FINE.

H. BRITISH GUIANA: THE SEVEN-WEEK DEADLOCK BETWEEN THE JAGAN GOVERNMENT AND THE TRADES UNION COUNCIL SHOWS NO SIGN OF BREAKING. RACIAL TROUBLES--EAST INDIANS AGAINST NEGROES--AND THE DETERIORATING ECONOMIC SITUATION ARE BUILDING UP TO ANOTHER EXPLOSION WHICH COULD REQUIRE BRITISH INTERVENTION.

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